GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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HAJ YATRA
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indians who performed Haj Yatra during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the details of arrangements made by the Government for the Haj pilgrims; and

(c) the amount of subsidy to be borne by the Government of Haj pilgrims during the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) The number of Indian pilgrims who performed Haj in Saudi Arabia during the last three years is as follows:

2003 - 1,16,078
2004 - 1,17,490
2005 - 1,31,116

(b) The arrangements made by the Government for the Haj pilgrims include setting up of hospitals and dispensaries in Saudi Arabia, supply of medicines, deputation of medical, para-medical and administrative staff. The Consulate General of India in Jeddah also renders assistance in making various logistical arrangements for the pilgrims performing Haj through the Haj Committee of India.

(c) Not available at present.